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on the transmittal documents in Noel Twyman's book regarding the finding of **two** cartridges in the TSBD; Williams' name originally appeared on this list, as he was the FBI agent who was severely accosted by a Texas DPS officer at Parkland Hospital on November 22, 1963.

4. Pierce Allman is the man that asked Lee Oswald where there was a pay phone as Oswald was leaving the TSBD; for years, it was thought that this individual was Robert McNeil, later of the McNeil-Lehrer report, but that did not prove out.

5. Dr. Jack Kety holds two interesting resume items; He is the brother-in-law of first-generation researcher Harold Weisberg, and he also treated David Ferrie for his hair-loss illness.

6. Alexander G. Ayers is a name on an ID card found on Lee Oswald's person at the time of his arrest.

7. Charles Dillon (admittedly, the first two names of the famous "Casey Stengel"), was a custom shirt-maker for JFK. The shirt he was wearing at the time of the assassination, and shown in the FBI lab photos, bears the tag "Charles Dillon."

8. Frank Wright is a reasonably familiar name: he was neighborhood where Tippit was shot, and he called the ambulance that took Tippit away. It was only two blocks from the scene at the time of the call.

9. Richard Paul Pavlick was the individual who, in December, 1960, following the election of JFK, loaded his vehicle with dynamite and was prepared to ram it into JFK's vehicle. The presence of the Kennedy family prevented him from carrying out his attack.

10. Joe Rich was the driver of LBJ's followup car in the motorcade. Like Hurchel Jacks, driver of LBJ's car, he was not a Secret Service agent.

Bloody Treason: A review

Noel Twyman has given the reader all the answers to the Kennedy assassination.

Well, sort of. In point of fact, he has given every imaginable answer, included every imaginable group as essential, and named the 14 people who each singlehandedly masterminded the event, plus an equal number of people to account for the ten bullets--not counting fragments--that he has found.

The author is, in a serious vein, to be singled out for praise for what he has attempted, and for what he is able to put on the table. It just seems that from naivete, or inexperience, he has chosen to believe every conspiracy word ever uttered, and he has made an incredible collection of them in his 840+ page *Bloody Treason.*

In the preface, we are told by Mary Ferrell that "[Twyman] began this book with virtually no knowledge of the case and no experience in methods of researching it." That thought may account for the concerns echoed above, and we learn shortly thereafter that Twyman was unaware of the Lincoln conspiracy; the final proof of his naivete is his notation that Gerald Posner is a "very smart lawyer."(xv).

Each section, about a group or a particular suspect surrounded by a group, begins with either strong suspicion that the group in question was involved in the assassination, or

doubts that can be resolved through deep digging. At the end of the day, however, each group is found to be heavily involved, and while Twyman hypothesizes that somehow there had to be one person who took overall charge (as opposed to a committee), he provides fourteen "ringleaders."

The groups and individuals who figure heavily in the assassination include LBJ; Hoover; the Mafia (Marcello, Trafficante, Giancana, Roselli, Ruby); Hoffa; Dulles and the CIA; the US military; anti-Castro forces (Arcacha, Orcaberro, Bringuier, Masferrer, Kohly, Echevarria)--the list is on 598 and it is noted that at least five of them are heavily involved; right-wing extremists; Castro; Khrushchev; Army intelligence; Nixon; Secret Service ("indispensable in all scenarios,"[47]); French mafia and OAS (both proven to have been in Dealey Plaza on November 22); Alpha 66; Interpen (Gary Hemming's green berets); Walker; Ferenc Nagy, former Premier of Hungary; Shaw; Nagell; Murrow; Felipe Vidal Santiago John Martino; Banister; Hemmings (who, despite a singularly military career, has "Klein's Sporting Goods, Chicago, on the resume cited by Twyman); Roy Hargraves.

The mastermind(s) include James Angleton, David Sanchez Morales, William Harvey, David Atlee Phillips, General Charles Willoughby, John Roselli, William Pawley, J.E. Hoover, Richard Helms, LBJ, Colonel William Bishop (who claimed to have helped get JFK's coffin out of Parkland, and 12 years later, killed Hoffa), General Curtis LeMay, H.L. Hunt, and Charles Siragusa of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics (FBN).

Shooters include Hemming, Emmanuel Rodriguez, Lucien Sarti, Jean Soutre, Oswald, Frank Sturgis, J.D.Tippit, Roscoe White, Charles Nicoletti, Richard Cain, Jack Lawrence, Charles Harrelson, and two unnamed Cuban exiles.

It's overwhelming. One can read the literature with intensity and say that those above, plus a scattering of others, have been named singularly, but never in such quantity as this.

Some interesting suspicions are offered: the Kennedy brothers, through either the CIA or the FBI, had Marilyn Monroe murdered (29). *If they had, there would have been no need for an assassination; an honest impeachment would have sufficed--and possibly been of more delight to LBJ, Hoover, et al.* The alteration of the Zapruder and Nix films, taken for granted, was done by the FBI with the full knowledge of Time-Life. (150-151). There were ten or more bullets or fragments, and at least six shots (80, 82). Only two shells--plus one unfired round on the floor--were found in the TSBD(90ff), and a strong argument is made for this. A substitute body was in the bronze casket that arrived at Bethesda(207).

In a section of notes I labeled "right on," Twyman strikes some serious gold. He noted that the Kennedy family, long accused of acquiescing in the official finding, could never have sought a full disclosure, as such would have revealed Hollywood womanizing by both brothers, and destroyed Bobby and Jack for their complicity in CIA doings and in their love/hate affair with the mob. It is also noted that "organizations" did not kill Kennedy (despite the list above), but rather "key individuals" therein (45).

The assassination had to succeed (imagine how many heads would have rolled--and whom they belonged to--if JFK had survived Dallas). The murder had to be linked to Cuba, to set the stage for an invasion (57ff, passim), and that point should have been developed further. Finally, David Mantik's always superior work is included. In all these areas, Twyman has salvaged much that is good, and for those reason alone, plus to get the full "whodunit" menu, the book is worth the look. Caveat emptor, however--it's not a book you can read "on the train" unless your commute is lengthy and you plan to stay at that site for a while. It's long and hard, as you must stop to digest the avalanche of accusations, or the rehashes of older material until you remember where you read that theory before.

Much is said that is unsubstantiated and, bluntly, unproven. Samples will be in quotes, commentary in italics. "H.L.Hunt's family bought the Zapruder original." (141) The "blobs" to the right side of JFK's head "had been painted in" (161); *those blobs are elastic skin exploding.* "The conspirators literally stole the body of President Kennedy from *Air Force One* took it to a secret location where they [fixed it up]... then delivered the body to the morgue at the rear of Bethesda(167). *The plane had to land before the body could leave it, and that was almost six p.m. It was altered* ***and*** *delivered to Bethesda in 30 minutes?* "Bullets are never sold in mixed lots, which raises the question of how Oswald happened to have the revolver loaded with bullets from two manufacturers." (283). *Allow for the possibility he loaded them in a mixed lot.* "At one point, Ruby went so far as to give David Ferrie a job at his Carousel Club."(287) "The conspirators never intended the assassination to appear to be the act of a lone gunman...[that] was a creation of the Warren Commission."(327). *The lone-gunman theory was born early on the afternoon of November 22, seven full days before the WC was created to* ***ratify*** *it.* "There were names of military intelligence personnel in [Oswald's] address book."(329). "[Marina] was a member of the Communist Party." (334). "We can conclude with reasonable confidence that Oswald was a CIA agent."(342) *This is a sample of many "leaps" made by the author, wherein a possibility becomes a hypothesis then a hard fact, leading to a subsequent leap, in this case,* "There is growing proof that Angleton sent Oswald to Russia."(734).

"Oswald spoke fluent Russian." (359). *A lot of the Russian emigres strongly disagreed, and his English wasn't so hot, either.* Mexico City was the planning center of the assassination (451). Oswald, Ray, and Sirhan were all hypnotized to fulfill their roles.(527). "Prouty [interviewed by Twyman, who did his homework in many interviews] said that Dulles was just a lawyer and really **not** involved in CIA operations." (538). "We see linkages between H.L.Hunt and the French OAS." (559). *If a Texan decides to have someone killed, one could wager heavily that the job will be done by a Texan; they do not need--or want--outside help to solve their internal concerns, thank you.*

The Oswald impersonation becomes a two edge sword, but neither side of the blade is particularly sharp. Twyman restates the multiple Oswald

theory well, but when the person seen ***needs to be Oswald*** to prove a point, it is Oswald and not an impersonator, and we all need to tread lightly on that concern. Richard Case Nagell is cited as "the most important witness in the JFK assassination," (605), shortly before the data about his index is all wrong, as it is noted that Nagell was badly hurt in the plane crash but survived by parachuting from the plane but was found in the wreckage.(?!? 610) The next statement indicates that Nagell was about to come out of the closet to Twyman at the time of his death, and that Twyman was the one writer/researcher that Nagell ever trusted, a fact perhaps arguable to Dick Russell.

Serious errors abound--and they are serious because if you don't get the little, easy facts right, how are you going to understand, much less convey, the work of a David Mantik? Errors: The Hoover "firing" scenario, on which Hoover's participation in the conspiracy depended, is never understood.(33, 37, passim) Twyman asserts often that in the second term either Bobby or Jack would find a way to "fire" Hoover. The reality is that Hoover would have had to leave, on his own, 59 days after JFK's 1964 re-election because of federal statute, so no "firing" or any such was needed. The Odio event is seen as confirmed by her father and psychiatrist--who could only confirm that she told them the story; one was in prison, the other was not present for the "incident." (22) It is claimed that the public believed LHO was the sole assassin "although the Commission had not specifically said so." (23) ***Hello?*** The theory that Dutz Murret was LHO's surrogate father is again floated, and it just ain't so. (262, 296) "Few know that Nixon was in Dallas the day Kennedy was shot." (40) "[Oswald] with a $25 World War I vintage rifle." (77); *Off by five bucks and one war.*

"No one has ever produced a single photograph showing [JFK's] jacket bunched."(85) *John Lattimer did exactly that in his book, Kennedy and Lincoln.* Sibert and O'Neill were at Bethesda to "report what they saw and heard."(195); *They were there to receive any evidence found in the President's body--nothing more.* Ferrie's death is repeatedly referred to as a suicide (261,336,491,617). "Ferrie was a frequent associate of Oswald, having been seen with him around New Orleans many times by numerous witnesses."(262) ***Who?*** Jim Braden's office was next to Banister's (263); *Braden's office was next to Ferrie's, elsewhere in N.O.*

Banister's location is always cited incorrectly, at 544 Camp. The address was 531 Lafayette, but was accessible through 544 Camp. The "Impeach Earl Warren" sign was in Dealey Plaza(275). Oswald went on a wild test drive on November 9 in a new Lincoln Continental (316) on a day the real Oswald was in Irving, Texas(317). *The car was a Mercury Comet, and Oswald had been driven into Dallas that day to try to get a learner's permit.* Someone was shown a 1959 N.O. P.D. photo of Oswald (376); *what 1959 police photo?* A mention is made of an individual who had contacts with the FBI, the WC, and John Foster Dulles.(385) *J.F. Dulles was long dead by the time of the WC.* On David S. Morales, "perhaps as early as 1946, he was assigned to the CIA," (448) *although the CIA did not exist then.* The car in the famous

Walker photo, the '57 Chevy belonged to Felipe Vidal Santiago, and it was **black and white**(637ff). The TSBD was owned by David Howard Bird.(756); *his name, for the record, was D.Harold Byrd.* LBJ delayed *Air Force One* "for over an hour and a half" until JFK's body on board and Oswald was caught.(797) *Oswald was caught before LBJ got on the plane, and JFK's body left Parkland 15-25 minutes after LBJ. LBJ stalled to get sworn in with Mrs. Kennedy next to him, something impossible back in Washington.*

Despite all these concerns, there is a wealth of evidence and hard, gritty work that went into this massive book that demands attention. What is needed, of course, is a knowledgeable overlay so that some of the suspicions can be removed from the flow chart. The author asks at one point how one does such a work without it becoming an obsession, and he should ask Henry Hurt, as he may be the only one who knows. Beyond that, it need not become an obsession for Twyman, but I hope, for his sake, that he stays with the case, reads the literature carefully, and publishes again without quite such a long laundry list. He's got all the tools to get a good job done, and in many places, the book reads like a laid-back, let's kick up the fireplace kind of read. It's when you have to stop and constantly write "source" and "error" that such flavor is lost.

Eventually, the theories, the groups, the ringleaders, the unproven and the errors subside, and Twyman states his conclusions, most of which tend to draw back from some of the more sensational earlier findings. "The assassination of President Kennedy was about survival, power, and dangerous secrets. it was a backlash against the Kennedy brothers ***for what they were intent on accomplishing.*** [my emphasis on an already great statement]. Twyman added that the killing accomplished three major objectives: it saved those (LBJ, Hoover, mob, CIA), it transferred power from the liberal northeast to the conservative southwest, and it threw a bone to the US anti communist paranoia. Sadly, that bone was the Harper fragment....

Ann Marie deserved to be co-author.

DEEP QUOTES

"Show me an honest politician and I'll show you a poor man."

--- Sam Rayburn, who, at his death in1961, left a $48,000 estate.

"History is the myths men choose to believe."

---Napoleon, quoted in the HBO biography of Babe Ruth, 8/16/98;

CHIEF JUSTICE: A BIOGRAPHY OF EARL WARREN;

----Review by Hal Verb

This 1997 biography is a massive tome(603 pages in length) that traces the career of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court described in the jacket blurb as "One of the most influential Americans of the Twentieth Century."

Few would quarrel with this description but what attracted my particular attention was the jacket blurb's paragraph dealing with Warren's role as head of the